AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

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10 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) In a directory server containing heterogeneous directory entries and a directory views hierarchy, each view containing a filter

15 describing said view, a method of searching said view in said directory views hierarchy with a given filter, comprising the steps of:

(a) collecting filters from said view and all ancestor views of said view to form a first sub-filter;

rewriting said given filter using said first sub-filter to be a sub-tree search

20 of the parent of the topmost view in said view hierarchy; and

performing said sub-tree search with said rewritten filter;

wherein each of said directory views belongs to a specific object class that contains a filter attribute, said filter attribute containing a filter that describes said directory views.

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11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said directory entries do not need to by physically in any particular place.

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